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TRANSDIFFERENTIATION OF EPIDERMAL BASAL

CELLS INTO NEURAL PROGENITOR CELLS,

NEURONAL CELLS AND/OR GLIAL CELLS

Art Unit

1635

Examiner

Schultz, J.

Docket Number

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATEN WASHINGTON, D. C. 20231, ON November

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action (Supplemental Restriction Requirement) mailed October 21, 2003, for the above-captioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before November 21, 2003. In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following remarks.

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